Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 020 - 05694 - 0284 - 107	Date: 04/25/20	Time: 2335	
Location: East/West Alley, South of Olympic Boulevard	City or Station: Los Angeles		
Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol Division / East Los Angeles Station	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO		
Type of Force: Control Holds; (Control Techniques) ; Control Holds (Takedown)			
Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO	
☐ Call	☒ Observation	☐ Detail	☒ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Lt. Chris Mouat	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

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Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: Verduzco	First Name: Richard	Middle I.: C.	Rank: DSG		
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: H	Height: 6'02"	Weight: 190	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ◉ EM ○ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: East Los Angeles Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 23					
Individual Force Used: Control Techniques and Takedown	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3				
☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: Concentra Urgent Care	Coroner Case #				

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank		
Sex: ○ M ○ F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
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☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #				

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Saucedo	Claudia		Sgt.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Chang	Francois	H.	Sgt.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Mouat	Chris	J.	Lt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: Mouat — Date: 11/5/20 — Copy Provided to Employee by: — Emp #: [redacted]

William E. Jaeger — 12/30/20

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** — Unit Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Medina | First Name: Carlos | Middle Name: Manuel | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: H | Age: 39 | Height: 5'06" | Weight: 170 | D.O.B: 02/19/81 | Phone #1: (●) H ( ) W ( ) C [redacted] | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5921066 | Primary Charge Code: 470(b) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 666.5(a) PC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: Captain Boulware | Unit: LA County Fire | Phone #: (323) 269-4124

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: East LA Doctors Hosp | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Michael Malik | Address: 4060 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles | Phone #: (323) 268-5514

Under Influence: ( ) YES (●) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 04/26/20 | Time: 0525 | ☐ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

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Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

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Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

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☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Moore	Christopher	S.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
East Los Angeles Station	Unit 23	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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☐ **Additional Witness**

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Medina	S1	Verduzco	E1	UC	NN	
Medina	S1	Verduzco	E1	HR	NN	
Verduzco	E1	Medina	S1	CT	NN	
Verduzco	E1	Medina	S1	TD	FR	WR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Category 3 Force, Wrist Fracture**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2508182**
URN#:	**020-05694-0284-107**
DATE/TIME:	**April 25, 2020 / 2335 hours**
LOCATION:	**4730 East Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90023**

SYNOPSIS

On Sunday, April 26, 2020, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting Response Team, comprised of Lieutenant Chris Mouat, Sergeant Francois Chang, and Sergeant [redacted] responded to East Los Angeles Station regarding a Category 3 use of force. It was documented by East Los Angeles Station personnel, URN number 020-05694-0284-107 [**Exhibit A**], and California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers of East Los Angeles' Area Office, File number 9535-2020-01954 [**Exhibit B**]. In this incident, Deputy Richard Verduzco used force against Suspect Carlos Medina, who was subsequently transported to the hospital by ambulance, and diagnosed with a wrist fracture, refer to medical records [**Exhibit C**].

SUMMARY

On April 25, 2020, at approximately 2335 hours, Deputies Richard Verduzco and Christopher Moore were on patrol in the unincorporated Los Angeles County area of East Los Angeles. Deputies Verduzco and Moore were together in a marked, black and white patrol vehicle. Deputy Verduzco was the passenger. Deputy Verduzco was in [redacted] and Deputy Moore was his [redacted] As Deputy Moore drove east on Whittier Boulevard toward Fetterly Avenue, the deputies saw a grey pickup truck speeding west toward Fetterly Avenue. The deputies saw the truck run a red light at the intersection of Fetterly Avenue and Whittier Boulevard, and continued west to Kern Avenue. The truck turned south onto Kern Avenue and drove out of the deputies' view.

Deputy Moore made a U-turn in their patrol vehicle in an attempt to find the truck. The deputies drove to Kern Avenue, but the truck was nowhere in sight. The deputies drove two blocks south on Kern Avenue to Olympic Boulevard and saw the truck had collided

into a building at 4730 Olympic Boulevard. Deputy Moore drove toward the truck and positioned their patrol vehicle behind it. The deputies exited their patrol vehicle to check on the welfare of the occupant(s) in the truck.

The deputies saw a male Hispanic (later identified as Suspect Medina) emerge from the front driver side door of the truck. The deputies described Suspect Medina as "distressed" and saw him bleeding from his nose. Suspect Medina immediately ran south on Kern Avenue to an east/west alley, south of Olympic Boulevard. Based on the extent of damage to the building and truck from the traffic collision, coupled with Suspect Medina's flight from the scene of an accident, the deputies determined Suspect Medina was a felony hit and run suspect.

The deputies went in foot pursuit, Foot Pursuit Evaluation Form [**Exhibit A**] of Suspect Medina. The deputies yelled at Suspect Medina to "Stop running, Stop!" But, Suspect Medina ignored their commands and continued to run. Within the first few seconds of initiating their foot pursuit, the deputies caught up to Suspect Medina at the mouth of the alley on the east side of Kern Avenue. Deputy Verduzco again ordered Suspect Medina to stop running. Suspect Medina stopped running and turned toward Deputy Verduzco, as he raised his hands, which were clenched into fists.

Deputy Verduzco feared Suspect Medina was preparing to punch him, which presented him with an immediate threat of physical violence. Deputy Verduzco said his most immediate and effective force option was to conduct a "takedown" of Suspect Medina. Deputy Verduzco wrapped both of his arms around Suspect Medina's arms and torso as he used the momentum of his body weight to take him to the ground. Deputy Verduzco and Suspect Medina simultaneously fell on the ground. Deputy Verduzco fell on top of Suspect Medina, with the suspect laying on his stomach. Due to the manner in which Deputy Verduzco held onto Suspect Medina's arms and torso, the suspect could not break his fall and landed onto the "rugged asphalt," on his stomach, elbows, and face.

Since Deputy Verduzco's arms were wrapped around Suspect Medina's arms and torso as they fell onto the ground, Deputy Verduzco's hands bore the brunt of their body weight, causing abrasions to his hands and right forearm, and pain to his right hand and wrist.

The deputies ordered Suspect Medina to put his hands behind his back. Suspect Medina replied, "Okay, I give up" and complied with the deputies' orders. Deputy Verduzco handcuffed Suspect Medina without any further use of force. The deputies escorted Suspect Medina, as he voluntarily walked back to their patrol vehicle.

While seated in the back seat of the deputies' patrol vehicle, Suspect Medina complained of pain to his wrist and said it was from the traffic collision. Deputy Verduzco requested medical assistance for Suspect Medina. Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine #3 personnel responded and treated Suspect Medina in the field. Suspect Medina was subsequently transported by ambulance to East Los Angeles

Doctors Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries, and received medical clearance for booking.

The deputies' investigation revealed Suspect Medina was in possession of falsified identification and was driving a stolen vehicle, with [redacted] for the same. The deputies arrested and charged Suspect Medina with both felonies.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Richard C. Verduzco, #[redacted] Deputy Sheriff
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	09/06/2018
Date Assigned to East Los Angeles Station	02/23/2020
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn on Person

Class "A" uniform (long sleeve), magazines, tourniquet, baton, radio, handcuffs, Smith & Wesson Military Police handgun 1.0, keys, Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Carlos Medina
Male Hispanic, DOB: 02/19/1981, 5'06," 170 lbs., bald / brown eyes
Address: [redacted]
CII# [redacted] MAIN# [redacted] FBI# [redacted] BK# 5921066

Suspect Medina's criminal history revealed he had [redacted] His criminal history [redacted] but the CCHRS printout was truncated due to Rapsheet size limitations (**Miscellaneous Documents, CCHRS Printout**).

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Medina was diagnosed as having a "right Colles fracture" by Dr. Michael Malik and a "mild left posterior scalp soft tissue swelling" by Dr. Stephen Fine, medical records [**Exhibit C**]. IAB investigators attempted to get the doctor's opinion as to whether Suspect Medina's injuries were consistent with the force used by Deputy

Verduzco; however, correspondence from Avanti Hospitals read, it is their policy to not provide medical records. Avanti Hospitals manages a network of hospitals, including East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL INJURIES

East Los Angeles Station Sergeant Claudia Saucedo, #[redacted] took photographs [**Exhibit D**] of Deputy Verduzco's injuries following the use of force. Deputy Verduzco suffered multiple abrasions to his left and right hand, forearm, around the knuckles and wrist. Deputy Verduzco reported his injuries to Sergeant Saucedo. He was medically treated at a medical facility for his injuries.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

IAB investigators arrived approximately eight hours after the use of force incident. IAB investigators searched for witnesses, but did not find any. The force incident occurred at the mouth of an east/west alley, south of Olympic Boulevard and east of Kern Avenue. The use of force occurred approximately 100 ft. away from 4730 Olympic Boulevard, where the scene of the traffic collision occurred.

The alley had residences south of it and commercial buildings to the north. A brick wall bordered the south portion of the alley and a metal chain link fence bordered the north portion of it.

Suspect Medina was treated at East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital and given medical clearance for booking. Thereafter, IAB investigators took photographs of Suspect Medina's injuries [**Exhibit E**].

IAB investigators and East Los Angeles Station Sergeant Saucedo took photographs of both the use of force and traffic collision areas [**Exhibit F**].

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during nighttime hours in clear, dry weather conditions. There was ambient street lighting that illuminated the use of force area. East Los Angeles Sergeant Saucedo took video of the use of force and incident area shortly after the force incident [**Exhibit G**].

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY

None.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT MEDINA

None.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

There was major damage to the stolen vehicle driven by Suspect Medina and to the building he collided into at 4730 East Olympic Boulevard.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office charged Suspect Medina with the following:

1. 10851(a) VC Felony, vehicle theft
2. 20002(a) VC Misdemeanor, hit and run

The criminal matter is presently being adjudicated. Suspect Medina has a preliminary hearing setting on January 15, 2021 (**Miscellaneous Documents, Minute Order, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles**).

SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE

Surveillance video of the traffic collision shows Suspect Medina when he crashed into a building [**Exhibit G**]. Approximately 20 seconds after the collision, the deputies arrived to investigate the incident. There was no indication the deputies were in pursuit nor were the patrol vehicle's overhead lights activated until after the arrival at the crash scene. Suspect Medina emerged from the driver's door of the truck and ran east on Olympic Boulevard to Kern Avenue. The deputies went in foot pursuit of Suspect Medina and went out of camera view. Approximately 1 minute and 30 seconds after the foot pursuit, the deputies were seen escorting Suspect Medina to their patrol vehicle.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews which have been paraphrased for clarification purposes. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

Involved Employee - Deputy Richard Verduzco

On October 1, 2020, Deputy Verduzco was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Francois Chang and Sara Rodriguez, #[redacted] at the IAB office. Deputy Verduzco was

represented by Attorney Maureen Okwuosa of Rains Lucia Stern St. Phalle & Silver, PC. The following is a summary of the interview:

On April 25, 2020, Deputies Verduzco and Moore were working together in the same patrol vehicle. Deputy Verduzco was the passenger. As they drove east on Whittier Boulevard toward Fetterly Avenue, they saw a gray pickup truck driving west, at a high rate of speed. Deputy Verduzco estimated the speed of the truck to be 60 mph.

> **IAB Note:** Per East Los Angeles Station Traffic Sergeant Kina Inital, #[redacted] the speed limit on Whittier Boulevard at Fetterly Avenue was 25 mph.

The truck ran a red light at the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Fetterly Avenue, turned south onto Kern Avenue, and out of view. Deputies Verduzco and Moore made a U-turn to look for the truck. By the time Deputies Verduzco and Moore drove south onto Kern Avenue, the truck was nowhere in sight. Deputies Verduzco and Moore did not go in vehicle pursuit of the truck, nor was there any indication the driver (later identified as Suspect Medina) tried to evade them.

As Deputies Verduzco and Moore arrived at the intersection of Kern Avenue and Olympic Boulevard, Deputy Verduzco heard the sound of "fireworks" and saw a lot of dust. Deputies Verduzco and Moore discovered the truck had collided into a building. Deputies Verduzco and Moore drove toward the truck and parked behind it. Deputies Verduzco and Moore exited their patrol vehicle to check if anyone was hurt.

Suddenly, Suspect Medina emerged from the front driver side door of the truck. Suspect Medina was "moaning" and "groaning," hunched over, and disheveled. Suspect Medina had cuts on his face and appeared to be hurt. Suspect Medina looked at Deputies Verduzco and Moore and immediately ran south Kern Avenue away from them. Due to the substantial property damage to the building, Deputy Verduzco determined Suspect Medina was a felony hit and run suspect.

Deputy Verduzco yelled for Suspect Medina to "Stop," from a distance of five to eight feet away, to no avail. Deputy Verduzco believed Suspect Medina heard his commands because Suspect Medina looked over his shoulder as if he was checking to see if he was being followed.

Deputies Verduzco and Moore went in foot pursuit of Suspect Medina, never losing sight of him or each other. Deputy Verduzco was constantly aware of Deputy Moore's location and proximity to him via his peripheral vision. Deputies Verduzco and Moore could immediately assist each other had a confrontation occurred with Suspect Medina.

Deputy Verduzco did not broadcast the foot pursuit since he was able to apprehend Suspect Medina within the first few seconds of the pursuit.

As Deputy Verduzco closed the distance to Suspect Medina, the suspect looked over his shoulder, clenched his hands into fists, and began to face Deputy Verduzco. Deputy

Moore was "right behind" Deputy Verduzco during the foot pursuit whereby they could immediately help each other if a confrontation occurred with Suspect Medina. Deputy Verduzco feared Suspect Medina was about to assault him. Deputy Verduzco wrapped his arms around Suspect Medina's arms and torso to prevent an assault, and used his body weight to take Suspect Medina to the ground.

Suspect Medina's elbows, stomach, and face hit the asphalt ground. Deputy Verduzco fell on top of Suspect Medina, but his hands were beneath the suspect's stomach as they fell.

The takedown was effective and Suspect Medina immediately surrendered. Deputy Verduzco handcuffed Suspect Medina. Deputies Verduzco and Moore escorted Suspect Medina back to his patrol vehicle without any further use of force. Deputy Verduzco subsequently searched Suspect Medina and found a fake identification card in his possession.

Deputy Verduzco saw injuries to Suspect Medina's nose and elbows. Deputy Verduzco believed Suspect Medina's nose injury was from the traffic collision and his elbow injury resulted from the takedown. Suspect Medina complained of pain to his wrist, chest, and stomach, and said it was a result of the traffic collision. Additionally, Suspect Medina told Deputy Verduzco he wanted medical attention because he "jammed his wrists in the crash." Deputy Verduzco requested for paramedics and Suspect Medina was treated for his injuries in the field by Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel. The suspect was later transported to the hospital tor further treatment.

Deputy Verduzco requested a supervisor to respond to his location. Sergeant Saucedo responded and arrived within approximately one minute. The incident was debriefed with the involved personnel. Deputy Verduzco said his takedown of Suspect Medina was the best use of force option at the time of the incident due to how quickly it evolved. Deputy Verduzco's top priority was the immediate control of Suspect Medina's hands.

Deputy Verduzco's wrists and knuckles were injured from the weight of the suspect and his body falling onto them. Deputy Verduzco reported his injuries and complaint of pain to Sergeant Saucedo.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

Witness – Deputy Christopher Moore

On October 1, 2020, Deputy Moore was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and Rodriguez at the IAB office. Deputy Moore was represented by Attorney Adam Marangell of the Law Office of Adam L. Marangell, APC. The following is a summary of the interview:

On April 25, 2020, as Deputies Verduzco and Moore drove east on Whittier Boulevard toward Fetterly Avenue, they saw a gray pickup truck speeding west and run a red light.

The truck turned south on Kern Avenue and drove out of view. Neither Deputy Moore, nor Deputy Verduzco were able to see the license plate of the truck. Deputy Moore made a U-turn to look for the vehicle. By the time Deputy Moore got to Kern Avenue, the truck was no longer in sight. Deputy Moore did not utilize his overhead lights and/or siren, nor did he drive at a high rate of speed to look for the truck. There was no indication the driver of the truck was trying to evade the deputies.

Upon Deputy Moore's arrival to the intersection of Kern Avenue and Olympic Boulevard, he saw the truck had collided into a building. Deputy Moore parked five feet behind the truck and activated his overhead red and blue lights, along with his spotlight to illuminate the truck. Deputy Moore saw Suspect Medina sitting in the driver's seat. Suspect Medina emerged from the truck with a bloody nose.

Deputies Verduzco and Moore initially wanted to check on Suspect Medina's welfare. Immediately after Suspect Medina exited the truck, he ran south on Kern Avenue away from the deputies to an east/west alley. Deputies Verduzco and Moore attempted to detain Suspect Medina pending a hit and run investigation. Deputy Moore thought Suspect Medina might be wanted by law enforcement due to him running away from them. Suspect Medina ran with an uneven gait, as if he was injured or mentally impaired.

Deputy Moore initially yelled commands for Suspect Medina to stop from a distance of five to 10 feet away, to no avail. Deputy Moore believed Suspect Medina heard his commands to stop because Suspect Medina turned his head in the direction of the deputies. Deputies Verduzco and Moore went in foot pursuit of Suspect Medina. Moments later, Suspect Medina stopped, clenched his hands into fists, and started to face Deputy Verduzco in what appeared to be his preparation to attack.

Deputy Moore did not broadcast he was in foot pursuit because he and Deputy Verduzco were able to apprehend Suspect Medina within a few seconds. Deputy Moore estimated the distance of the foot pursuit at approximately 35 feet. Deputy Moore was right behind Deputy Verduzco during the foot pursuit and never lost sight of him or Suspect Medina during the entirety of the pursuit.

Deputy Verduzco wrapped his arms around Suspect Medina's arms in a "bear hug," from behind the suspect. Deputy Verduzco used his forward momentum to take Suspect Medina to the rough, asphalt ground. Suspect Medina fell forward onto his stomach, elbows, and possibly face. Although Deputy Verduzco fell on top of Suspect Medina, Deputy Verduzco's hands hit the ground first, as the suspect's weight, and his weight landed on top of his hands. Deputy Moore saw numerous "severe" abrasions to Deputy Verduzco's hands and forearm. Suspect Medina immediately surrendered after landing on the ground and allowed Deputy Verduzco to handcuff him. Once handcuffed, Suspect Medina voluntarily stood up and walked to the deputies' patrol vehicle.

Deputy Moore said Deputy Verduzco's takedown was immediately effective, and the best option to avoid injuries to Suspect Medina and themselves in response to the suspect clinching his fist to fight.

Suspect Medina told Deputies Verduzco and Moore his wrist hurt and he injured himself in the vehicle collision. Additionally, Deputy Moore heard Suspect Medina tell Fire Department personnel he "jammed his wrist on the steering wheel when he crashed into the building" (**Moore Transcript, page 18**).

Although Deputies Verduzco and Moore did not have a specific tactical plan for this incident, they were regular partners and had previously discussed foot pursuit scenarios, partner splitting, force options, and their responsibilities, amongst other things, when involved in these types of incidents.

Witness – Fire Captain Thomas Boulware

On September 30, 2020, Witness Boulware was telephonically interviewed by IAB Sergeant Chang. The following is a summary of the interview:
On April 25, 2020, Witness Boulware responded to the scene of a traffic collision, whereby a vehicle had collided into a building. Upon his arrival, the vehicle had collided into the building and was "smoking" and unoccupied. The vehicle had "moderate" front-end damage.

Witness Boulware, learned prior to his arrival that Suspect Medina had led deputies on a foot pursuit after the traffic collision, and was now detained in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. When Fire Department personnel medically treated Suspect Medina in the field, he was initially uncooperative by not answering their questions such as to whether or not he was wearing his seatbelt. Suspect Medina later told Fire Department personnel he had pain to his wrist from the steering wheel, as a result, of the vehicle collision.

Witness Boulware saw Suspect Medina had a bloody nose. Witness Boulware believed Suspect Medina's nose injury may have been caused by the steering wheel, consistent with blood spatter within the vehicle. He said it was a common injury in traffic collisions. Witness Boulware did not witness, nor know of any force used by deputies against Suspect Medina.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

Suspect Carlos Medina

On April 26, 2020, Suspect Medina was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Chang and [redacted] #[redacted] at East Los Angeles Station. The interview was video and audio recorded [**Exhibit G**]. The following is a summary of the interview:

Suspect Medina was supposed to be in a [redacted] at the time of the interview. Suspect Medina was on his way to his [redacted] house before the traffic collision. After the crash, Suspect Medina got out of the vehicle and tried to walk away when he heard a deputy order him to stop. Suspect Medina stopped, but the deputy tackled him like a "football star." Consequently, Suspect Medina fell causing his face to hit the concrete ground. As the deputy "pressed" against his arm, the deputy told him he "shouldn't have ran." Thereafter, Suspect Medina was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. Suspect Medina did not resist being handcuffed and voluntarily walked to a patrol vehicle.

Suspect Medina he ran from deputies because his driver's license had been suspended for the last seven years and he panicked. Suspect Medina admitted he was in a vehicle that did not belong to him. Suspect Medina could not remember if he was driving the vehicle and said he was probably not wearing his seatbelt. Suspect Medina estimated he ran 20 feet from the deputies, within a time span of three seconds, before stopping and being tackled to the ground.

Fire Department personnel medically treated Suspect Medina in the field for his complaint of pain to his arm. Suspect Medina believed he broke his hand, as a result, of the car accident, because he remembered it hurting in the car.

Suspect Medina complained of pain to "everything" and told IAB investigators he had pain to his shoulders, chest, wrist, knees, and both arms. Suspect Medina said the pain was caused by the traffic collision and his contact with the deputies. Suspect Medina denied having pre-existing injuries or being under the influence of any controlled substance or alcohol. Suspect Medina was under the care of a [redacted] but refused to take any prescribed medication.